



"Women are stronger together!"

November 2023 Newsletter

AND THE WINNER IS...

At our well-attended celebration this past Saturday, after listening to presentations by our three finalists (Health Access Network, Mustard Seed Ministries, and The Inner Truth Project), the members present voted for the project they thought most impactful. The award went to

MUSTARD SEED MINISTRIES

and the funds will be used to help their clients escape eviction and homelessness. Congratulations to Mustard Seed and those who will be helped.



Again we want to thank the members of the Grant Review Committee for the hours they devoted to the vetting process:

Cris Adams, Jan Autin, Carol DeLoach, Patricia Garcia-King, Canieria Gardner, Marsha Jones, Janet Maffucci, Christine Rigg, Lillian Torres-Martinez and Amy VanderBreggen.

Our sincere thanks goes also to Gwen Cunningham who spent countless hours planning and organizing our wonderful event and to her committee: Linda Hart, Kavitha Rao, Naheed Shareef, Ruth Stromak, and Phyllis Wilson.

OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR HAS BEGUN!

There seems to be some confusion about our membership year since it is not a calendar year. Our membership year for 2023-24 started on July 1st, 2023 and ends on June 30th, 2024. Members who join during that time will be eligible to vote for our grant winner in October 2024. We already have thirteen women who have signed up and paid for this year, five of whom are new members. We also had 27 women who completed commitment cards at the event on Saturday. That is a great beginning! If you are planning to join or to renew, please complete the commitment card at the end of this newsletter. No payment is due now but it lets us know that we can count on you and helps us plan our year.

GIVE BACK SATURDAYS!

It's time to sign up for our next three Give Back Saturday events.

- On Saturday, November 11th, we will be working at CareBag Inc. from 10:00 AM until noon.

- On Saturday, December 2nd, we will be working (and holiday partying) at the Treasure Coast Food Bank starting at 9:00 AM.
- On Thursday, December 21st, we have been asked to help out at Heathcote's Garden of Lights as they host children with disabilities for the evening. The event starts at 5:00 PM but we will probably have to be there earlier to get our assignments.

If you can help at any or all of these events, please email Janet Maffucci at mrsjfooch@gmail.com. Thank you.

Member Highlights



Becky Fisher

by

Janet Maffucci

Anyone who knows Becky Fisher knows that she is a very nice person, but she is so much more than that. Becky is a kind and giving person who embodies the traits of generosity, empathy, and love of others. Born the second child of six children in rural Kansas, in addition to her five siblings, Becky shared her early life with 67 foster children. Becky's dad was an evangelist, speaker, ventriloquist and magician, but her mom was, in Becky's words, the "primary teacher in all things giving." Becky stated that her family was very poor but that didn't stop her mother from giving to those even poorer in their community and having her children do the same.

Becky and her family moved to Ohio when she was five years old. It was in Canton that she received her education before proceeding to college at Wright State University. Becky worked for NCR Corporation after graduation but soon moved on to work in the construction industry in Dayton.

Becky met her husband Sam in 1986. They have two sons: one manages several commercial properties that they own and the other is an Army captain at Fort Knox. As her boys were growing up, Becky volunteered in all things school and sports related. Her husband had a heavy work travel schedule so Becky was the ultimate sports mom during their early years. Her husband Sam retired from L.B. Foster Co. as a senior vice president of their rail division. He likes to mention that he rang the bell on Wall Street one year for their anniversary of his company going public.

Becky continued her charitable and volunteer activities during all these years while also teaching others to start microbusinesses to help them stay home or leave a poverty situation. Some of the microbusinesses that she helped start as part of her involvement with Way Station, a resource for those in need, were a car detail business, a home cleaning business, and a small animal breeding business. She opened an antiques store in Kentucky and she and Sam also own several commercial properties there.

Becky and Sam divide their time between Port St. Lucie and Midway, Kentucky but hope to soon be fulltime Port St. Lucie residents. Becky volunteers at the Midway Museum in Kentucky along with several other businesses and the local Food Bank and helps a missionary friend with her projects in two of the poorest counties in Kentucky and Tennessee.

In Port St. Lucie, Becky, the newest member of Impact 100 St. Lucie's Executive Committee, is very active in our organization and volunteers with CareBag Inc. and the Food Bank. She has offered to take over as our volunteer coordinator for which I am very grateful.

All that I learned about Becky gives testimony to the opening paragraph of this article. Becky Fisher is a very nice person who is very kind and considerate and loves helping people. Aren't we lucky that she has chosen Impact 100 St. Lucie and its partners to be the recipient of her generosity and enthusiasm!

Be sure to visit our website (www.impact100sl.org) and our Facebook page.

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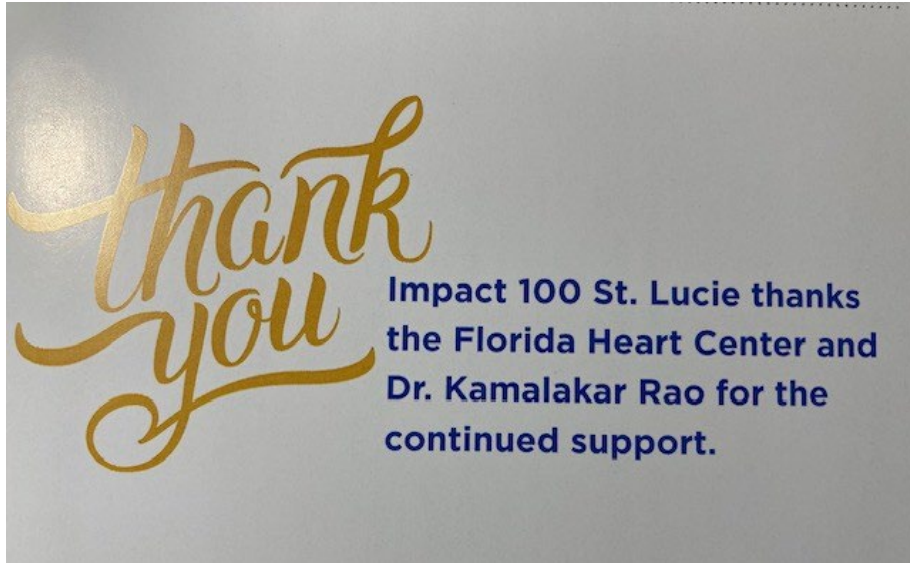
Impact 100 St. Lucie Committees
As a voting member, I would like to volunteer for the following committee(s):

Communications Development Events Grants
 Membership Volunteer—Give Back Saturday

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